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SUBJ: TOBACCO STABILIZATION

REF: CANBERRA 2967

1. DPI MINISTER WRIEDT ANNOUNCED JULY 31 NEW TOBACCO LEAF STABILIZATION SCHEME TO OPERATE FROM JANUARY 1, 1974. NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN WILL BE SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS, WITH AGREED QUOTE OF TOBACCO LEAF TO BE SOLD EACH SEASON UNDER A PRESCRIBED PRICE AND GRADE SCHEDULE AS IN PRESENT SYSTEM. SALES QUOTA FOR 1974 HAS BEEN SET AT 15,422,000 KILOGRAMS OR ABOUT SAME AS 34 MILLION POUND QUOTA THIS YEAR.

2. TAKING NOTE OF CURRENT ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, MINISTER WRIEDT INDICATED QUOTAS FOR 1975 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS TO BE DISCUSSED AT APPROPRIATE TIME, BASED ON CONSUMPTION TRENDS AND AMOUNT OF STOCKS HELD ON FARMS AND BY MANUFACTURERS.

3. COMMENT: DISCUSSION WITH GOA OFFICIALS INDICATED TOBACCO PREVIOUSLY IN NEGOTIATING BASKET FOR MTN DISCUSSIONS IN COMING GATT ROUND. RECENTLY HOWEVER, DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TOBACCO NOT NEGOTIABLE, AND HENCE NO REASON TO DELAY FURTHER ADOPTION OF FIVE-YEAR STABILIZATION SCHEME.

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